

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2990 - SB 2988**

March 7, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a sentencing judge to direct a first-time offender of domestic assault to complete a 24-week batterer's intervention program certified by the domestic violence state coordinating council as part of an alternative sentence.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- Under current law, as a condition of any sentence imposed upon a person convicted of domestic assault, the sentencing judge may direct the defendant to complete available counseling programs that address violence and control issues. If the defendant knowingly fails to complete such an intervention program, it is a violation of the defendant's alternative sentencing program and the sentencing judge may revoke the defendant's participation in such program and order execution of the defendant's sentence.
- Limiting the circumstances under which a judge may direct a defendant to participate in a treatment program as a sentencing alternative will not have a significant fiscal impact on state or local government.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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